

2025-2026



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Handbook

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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students:

Welcome to another exciting year in the Esperanza Entertainment Unit – Bands, Guards and related activities. This school year, we will again produce an outstanding competitive and successful educational product for all the students involved, and I for one, can't wait to get started!

The Placentia–Yorba Linda Unified School District has always provided an excellent total music package for its constituency, offering experiences from wonderful teachers in the classroom and through the elementary and middle school music program. We are fortunate to have well-rounded students sign up to further pursue and develop their musical skills and experiences. The students in music at Esperanza earn and maintain very high GPA's and learn musical, personal, and life skills in this program.

All of us on staff recognize and appreciate the support of the parents – we need your help for all four years of your child's participation by being there, assisting through active participation in fundraising, and as project chairs. You will never know how much you miss if you do not “belong” to the Esperanza Entertainment Unit and all its activities.

We welcome your children, you, and your family to the biggest TEAM on campus- the Esperanza Entertainment Unit Family.

Sincerely,

Mr. Bradley A. Davis
Director of Bands, Esperanza High

President's Letter

Welcome to the 2025-2026 Esperanza Entertainment Unit! This organization comes with many years of pride and commitment as its tradition. As a member, you too will participate in its continuing legacy. The Unit is proud of its past and has nothing but high expectations for its future. But these expectations will not be realized without many hours of hard work and commitment on the part of the students and the parents.

Being a student member of the Unit will help you grow in the areas of self-discipline, teamwork, time management, leadership, and excellence in music. The four years you will put into the Unit will help you achieve many of your goals, as it has helped many of our past members as they went on to colleges and universities throughout the nation. The contents of this Handbook will help paint a picture of what the Unit is about and just how you as students and parents are a vital part of the process.

All the performances throughout the year require a great deal of behind-the-scenes help and planning. Most of these events are not district supported. They exist only through the financial support of the EEU's parents and sponsors. However, the rewards of being part of this great experience are priceless. By participating both physically and monetarily, your student will sense the pride and joy you have for them. While at times it might seem a little overwhelming, starting out small and slowly expanding your involvement will help ease you into what will hopefully be a four-year commitment to excellence. As in all organizations, the time and talents of its members, both students and parents, reflect upon its success. We are expecting an exciting and memorable year and look forward to the outstanding performances by our students at all levels.

Students, take your involvement seriously. Practice and listen to your "coaches." You are your best critic. Ask yourself, "Have I done everything possible for the good of the Unit?"

Parents, hopefully we will be sharing the bleachers at field shows or standing together at the curb and watching with pride as our sons and daughters march by.

Thank you in advance for your help. "Many hands make light work." Here's to a fun and successful year!

president@ehseu.org

Executive Board 2025-2026

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Bingo Night/ Coordinator **OPEN**

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Colorguard/Winterguard Mom **Letty Stewart**

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First Aid **OPEN**

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Holiday/Banquet Basket Raffle **OPEN**

Jazz Band Coordinators - **Kristina Gereau**

Logowear **Madonna Cardenas**

Meet N' Eats Coordinator **Jessica Korte**

Photography **Frank Martinez / Scott Burkhardt**

Preview Night Coordinator **Laurie Hinton**

Social Media **Laurie Hinton**

Raise Right (Formerly Scrip) Coordinator **OPEN**

See's Candy Sales **OPEN**

Seat Covers **Erin Besser**

Senior Night Football Game Flower Coordinator **Brandie Lujan / Laurie Hinton**

Senior Sash Coordinator **OPEN**

Spring Dinner Coordinator **Laurie Hinton**

Trailer Transportation/Roadie Coordinator **Joe Tetzlaff**

Webpage Master **Roy Laguilles**

Video DVD of Year's Events **OPEN**

Video for events **OPEN**

Instructors and Administration

<i>Band Director</i>	<i>Bradley Davis (Band Room)</i> <i>EHS – 1830 N. Kellogg Dr., Anaheim, CA 92807</i>	<i>(714) 986-7540 x13711</i>
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Band Boosters

The purpose of the EEU Boosters is to promote and advance the interests of the Esperanza Entertainment Unit. As the bylaws state:

“The EEU Boosters is a nonprofit, non-political organization whose purpose is to provide support to the Director of Instrumental Music so that his or her efforts can be more fully dedicated to the musical education of the students of the Esperanza Entertainment Unit. This support includes clerical, financial, administrative, logistics and organizational assistance for the entire music program and its associated size.”

Parental volunteer support is vital to the success of each activity and the entire program. There are a variety of volunteer activities you can support or lead. Details and sign up sheets are available during orientation, uniform fitting and Band Camp. If you need any information, just ask! We recognize this is an extra activity into an already busy schedule. We do hope, however, that all parents will adjust their schedules to volunteer and become part of the “Band Experience” – you won’t regret it and your student will appreciate your participation and commitment. If everyone does something, no one will have to do everything. Keep an eye on our weekly emails for opportunities to help out.

The Boosters meet once a month for a General Association meeting, in the school band room at 7:00 pm. One parent or representative is expected to attend all meetings and they are usually over by 7:45 pm.

Sign up to help at volunteersignup.org/7PKJX



Member Responsibilities

Responsibility to ourselves: We owe ourselves the benefit of proper equipment and proper lessons. Whenever possible, you should avail yourselves of the best possible quality instrument you can afford and endeavor to take private lessons. Group lessons at school only teach at a moderate level. YOU have the primary responsibility for learning and contributing your talent to the group. A list of recommended instructors can be obtained from the directors.

Responsibility to the school: The school district provides the necessary setting and facilities for our performances and some of the larger, more expensive equipment. The EEU Boosters are largely responsible for most of the other large purchases. We then have the obligation to provide the best possible performances for the school, community, and citizens of our area. This means, you agree to give up some of your free time on holidays and vacations for the entertainment of others. It also means that if the school owns your instrument, you are willing to take proper care of it (including repair or replacement, if necessary). Instrument insurance forms are available at the beginning of the school year from the directors.

Responsibility to each other: Getting along with each other in our complex society is indeed a difficult task all by itself. You have the obligation and responsibility to respect the rights of others. Antisocial behavior will breed the same from others. Excessive talking, rumors, and bad manners are all examples of antisocial behavior. Both in and out of uniform — treat others as you wish to be treated.

Responsibility for promptness and commitment to the program: These are two essential facts vital to the success of the organization. You must arrange your schedule so you are able to honor your commitment to the performing groups to which you belong. Remember, to be early is to be on time — to be on time is to be late — to be late is unthinkable.

Financial responsibility: We must be responsible for the cost of the uniforms and equipment, as well as transportation. While we receive a small amount of financial support from the school, it is not nearly enough to support the program to the extent that the community and the members themselves deem necessary. We have a very active, supportive booster organization. We invite parents to join this group and to help with its activities. The students are responsible for several fundraising events each year. It is reasonable to expect each member to participate equally in these projects or donate.

Responsibility for attendance: Attendance at scheduled rehearsals and performances is required for membership in the program. Excused absences are only allowed for the following reasons: weddings, funerals, and illness that requires a Doctor's care. Students who miss rehearsals or performances for reasons other than these will not be excused. Missing a performance for an unexcused absence will result in an automatic loss of 1 letter grade from their final grade (i.e. A-1=B). This policy applies to all performance ensembles, including Concert Groups, Colorguard, and Jazz Ensembles. All absences should be presented in writing at least two weeks in advance. Failure to appear at a scheduled practice or a performance will result in a reduction of grade for that grading period and possible suspension of performance privileges. It is impossible to "make up" a performance, and the other members carry an extra burden of someone else's inconsideration.

As a student member of the EHS Instrumental Music Department, understand that the performance culminates everything we work so hard at during the year. It is, therefore, essential to your fine arts education that you experience the performance of your art.

P.E./BAND/COLORGUARD ZERO PERIOD — 7:15-8:15 a.m. Daily

Because the marching band gets physical education credit and functions much like a sports team, the band utilizes physical conditioning as a means to promote group unity, focus and good performance skills. This conditioning may include push-ups, running, and other types of physical activity. If for any reason a student needs to be excluded from this type of activity, they should let the directors know, in writing, before band camp begins. Punctual and daily attendance is required.

WIND ENSEMBLES/SYMPHONIC BAND/COLORGUARD ZERO PERIOD — 7:15-8:15 a.m. Daily

At the conclusion of marching season all students will be in a concert group. The two groups available are Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band and are based on an audition process. These groups will meet simultaneously every morning. Winter guard will meet zero periods to complete their winter guard show.

JAZZ I, JAZZ II, JAZZ III—Daily

Jazz ensemble members will be chosen and placed by an audition process during the first week of band camp. Audition will include Improvising, Sight-reading, and a prepared Jazz Piece. The prerequisites for Jazz I are that members are required to be taking private lessons for jazz and enrolled in a zero period (band) performing ensemble. The prerequisites for Jazz II are that members are strongly advised to acquire private lessons and enrolled in a zero period (band) performing ensemble. The prerequisite for Jazz III is that members are encouraged to take private lessons and are enrolled in a zero period (band) performing ensemble. Those student members of Jazz I & II are required to attend the California Jazz Championships Invitational April 23-26, 2026.

ENSEMBLE PLACEMENT

All ensembles are based on an audition process. Students are placed according to their strengths and areas of needed improvement. There are a limited number of spaces available in the parade block, wind ensemble, jazz bands, and color guard. **If you took lessons to get in, you should take lessons to STAY in.**

STUDENT LEADERS

Student leaders, captains, and drum majors are chosen by the director through an application process that involves interviews and auditions. Student leaders are expected to be the role models for all EEU members.

ZERO TOLERANCE POLICY/PERFORMANCE ETIQUETTE

1. Tobacco, Alcohol, Drugs, Dangerous objects: All school guidelines are in effect for all Band and Colorguard activities.
2. Assembling to Perform: The group will assemble together and move in an orderly manner (marching when instructed) to designated areas.
3. Football Games: We will sit together (by sections) at football games. No visitors are allowed in the area. We are there to support the team.

4. Buses: Students will not board until instructed to do so. Students will remain on the bus and seated until instructed otherwise. Yelling is not permitted at any time. Moving from seat to seat is not permitted. Quiet talking is permitted. Buses are to be clean and free of trash at the end of all trips.
 5. Public Display of Affection: Holding hands in full view is permitted on the bus only. Necking, hugging, kissing and so forth are NOT permitted. The staff will determine the boundaries of acceptable behavior.
 6. Uniform Care: Jackets and trousers will be properly hung when not being worn. Nothing is to be placed in the garment bag except for the jacket and trousers. Eating or drinking (except for water) is NOT permitted when in uniform.
 7. At the conclusion of all events, students should arrange to be picked up at school promptly at the designated pick-up time. Pick-up times are announced prior to the event.
- * ***Remember - When you travel with the Band, you represent the band, your school, and the community. Anything you do, in or out of uniform, will reflect on the people you represent!***

UNIFORMS

It is the student's responsibility to see that his or her uniform remains in good condition. Students and/or parents are financially responsible for any damage caused to the uniform due to negligence or misuse. Uniforms will be stored at school in the Uniform Room. Students will return uniforms, properly hung on the hanger, to the uniform chairperson or assistants at the conclusion of each activity.

NO EATING OR DRINKING (EXCEPT WATER) IS ALLOWED WHILE STUDENTS ARE IN UNIFORM!

White V neck T-shirt and Black basketball shorts: These garments are to be worn underneath the marching band uniform at all times.

Shoes: Shoes are to be perfectly cleaned before each performance. Both shoes should be labeled inside with the student's name. Shoes are Dinkle Formal and may be purchased at uniform fitting.

**Calf-length or longer black socks are required and are the responsibility of each Band member.*

Hair: Student's hairstyle is a part of their band uniform. There are several options as long as the students look like professional performers. Hair should be pulled back out of their face and not interfere with their vision. Examples of professionally acceptable hairstyles will be provided.

Make-up and Jewelry: Make-up, nail polish, and jewelry of any type are not allowed while in uniform. Please remember to leave your jewelry at home. Chaperones will not be responsible for lost items.

Show t-shirt is required for all students to wear at assigned times and will be supplied free to all members. Students will be required to wear it to performances as assigned by the directors. Colorguard has their own performance day uniform.

EEU Band Sweatshirt: Each Band student is required to purchase an official EEU band sweatshirt, if they do not already have one from last year. The price of the sweatshirt is \$40 and will be due at Uniform Fitting.

Additional EEU logowear (T-shirts, Jazz polo shirts, sweatshirts, etc.) are available for purchase. An order form is available at ehseu.org. Parents are encouraged to wear EEU logowear to events to show support as well as identify you as a part of the EEU family.

JAZZ PERFORMANCE ATTIRE:

Jazz I: Black suit, black shirt, red based tie OR black dress or skirt or pants, and a black top

Jazz II: Black suit, white shirt, red based tie OR black dress or skirt or pants, and a white top

Jazz III: Black suit, white shirt, straight black tie OR black dress or skirt or pants, and a white top

CONCERT BAND PERFORMANCE ATTIRE:

Symphonic Band and Advanced Band: Black suit, white shirt, straight black tie OR a black dress (past knees when seated or with leggings), black skirt or pants and white top.

MARCHING BAND CAMP

Band camp is a required activity of all members of the marching band and color guard. This time of extensive instruction and rehearsal is a vital part of the program. The time a student misses during band camp is critical to the success of the group. Students who miss part or all of band camp severely endanger the success of the group and will likely begin the season as an alternate. The field show charting and music is taught at camp, so attendance is necessary.

Dates: Friday, August 8th 9-12 (Freshmen and Section leaders only)
 Monday, August 11th (11th will be 8a.m.-12p.m.) – Friday, August 15th
 Monday, August 18th – Friday, August 22nd
 Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. – Marching and Music

Celebration: Thursday, August 21st 6 p.m.
 Burger and “Show Preview” Night, ticket prices TBA
 All parents and families are invited!

NEEDED FOR BAND CAMP:

- Tennis shoes and socks (required)
- Instrument and supplies needed
- Pencil
- Water (LARGE thermos ½ gal. minimum required– it can be hot!)
- Snack and Lunch (or lunch money to buy lunch off campus)
- Hat/visor
- SUNSCREEN, SUNSCREEN, SUNSCREEN!

EEU REGISTRATION AND UNIFORM FITTING:

On Monday, August 11, 2025, prior to Band camp this day, the EEU students will be attending the EHS Registration Day. Prior to this Registration Day, we ask that students and a parent should come prepared with all of the necessary EEU registration paperwork completed. (Please refer to page 18 for more information.)

Uniform Fittings are in the Band Room the week of August 18st, 2025, from 6 to 8 p.m. each night according to the following schedule. Parents will complete registration and bring a check for performance donation and other materials. Students should wear white v-neck t-shirts, black basketball shorts, black socks, and Dinkles (if currently owned):

Seniors, Freshmen <i>AND</i> All Colorguard	Monday, August 18th
Sophomores and Juniors	Tuesday, August 19th

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

All rehearsals and performances are mandatory. All absences will be handled on an individual basis, however, only the most extenuating circumstances will be excused.

Zero Period: Zero period is required of all members of the marching band and color guard. Members must be on the field and ready to begin at 7:15 a.m., Monday through Friday. This is an everyday rehearsal. Musicians will have sectionals on Wednesday morning 8:30-9:00.

After School Practice: Scheduled after school and Saturday rehearsals and sectionals are required of all members. (SEE CALENDAR)

SHOW DAYS

Information regarding specific performances will be distributed as soon as possible. This information is sometimes unavailable until the week of the performance. The information given will include call times, return times, performance times and other pertinent details (meal plans, awards times and so forth).

On show days, students should remember:

- Report to the band room with polished shoes and clean laces – it is the student’s responsibility to see that their shoes are clean and packaged and labeled with his/her name.
- Bring your own supplies for your instrument- valve oil, reeds, etc.
- Bring a change of clothes including your UNIT shirt- to be worn by all for unit morale and identity.
- Bring money for food, snacks, souvenirs, programs, etc.
- Band sweatshirts should be brought for evening performances – it does get cold at some of the locations in the evening and after a hot day it can be very uncomfortable without something to put on.
- No make-up or jewelry should be worn for performances (earrings, rings, watches, nail polish, etc) unless it is a part of your specific uniform or costume (i.e., colorguard). This will cause deductions from judges.

STUDENTS ACADEMIC SCHEDULE

Students are required to be enrolled in a band class during the regular school day (periods 1-6). There will be no exceptions to this policy.

BAND BUDGET

The EEU budget is usually available for review during Uniform Fitting week in August. It is normally approved during our first General Association Meeting held on Thursday, August 21, 2025, prior to the start of the field show preview out on the practice field.

Our typical budget is \$95,000-\$105,000, depending on the number of students. As the band grows – so does the budget.

Typically, the budget breaks down as follows:

Expenses (approximate)

Fees for Instructors (not Directors), Clinicians, Field Show Charting, Percussion Charting, etc.	60%
Uniform Costs, alterations, cleaning, props	10%
Snacks, insurance, postage, misc. costs, scholarships	17%
Competition entry fees for the Band, Colorguard, and Jazz Bands	13%

Revenue (approximate)

Unit Contributions	59%
Fundraisers -Burger Night, Meet 'n' Eat Nights, BBQ Dinner, Spring Concert Family Oriented Events Raise Right, Big Band Blowout Aztec Jazz Festival Bingo ASB Funds	40% 1%

*Note – Special events and trips are in addition to these estimates.

As you know, many of the extracurricular activities (i.e., Marching Band, Symphonic Band, Wind Ensemble and Jazz Bands) are not financially supported by the Department of Education. As such, a Student Performance Donation will be accepted in order to provide the financial support to continue these successful programs.

Due to our 501(3)C status, donations are non-refundable.

Transportation Fees

The school district requires that every student involved in extracurricular activities pay a transportation fee to defray the costs of the buses for students. Transportation fees are CURRENTLY TBD, and are determined by the District. **The fee is paid at EHS Registration on August 11 (not EEU Registration) and is payable to the Esperanza High School.**

Note: this is not part of the EEU performance fee and the EEU has no control over setting the amount.

ASB Card

All EEU members are suggested to purchase an Esperanza ASB Card, as outlined in the EHS Student Handbook. This card is purchased for \$55 at EHS Registration. The holder of the card is entitled to discount admission to all home and away athletic events and reduced prices for the EHS Yearbook and dance tickets.

Note: this is not part of the EEU performance fee and the EEU has no control over setting the amount.

Medical Release Forms

As with all other school activities where students will be transported off campus, student members of the Entertainment Unit must have completed **forms required by EHS and the district. These are due at EEU Registration. Please see page 18 for more information.**

Fundraising

Fundraising supplements individual contributions to meet the remaining 40% of the budget requirements of the EEU for the year. Important activities and various evenings sponsored by local restaurants, and a wide array of activities as arranged by the 2nd Vice President (Fundraising) and the Booster Executive Board. Possible fundraisers include Casino Night, Burger Night, Concerts, silent auctions, Meet 'n' Eats, or any others planned. We are also trying to increase the number of local business and corporate sponsors.

Raise Right (formerly eScrip) raiseright.com

Once you are registered, all purchases of gift cards through Raise Right to participating retailers will be credited to the EEU. A percentage, based on the retailer, being deposited into the EEU's account. 50% earned for EEU goes directly to the EEU and 50% earned goes directly to your student account to help with Performance Donations and other goods. You purchase your normal goods, and the Unit receives a percentage of the transaction. It couldn't be simpler. Please contact our EEU RaiseRight Coordinator or President to receive the EEU Enrollment code.

Performance Donations

The EEU Booster Board has reviewed the performance donations of music programs from comparable high schools in our competition classification, as well as the support requirements for many sports programs and other interscholastic competitive activities. As a result, this year's individual contributions are detailed in the following table.

The fall performance donations will be accepted at the time of Uniform Fittings the week of August 18. Consideration is given to families with more than one student as shown below. Please see the Booster President or Treasurer if you need to arrange an alternate payment plan. If there is a financial need, please speak to Mr. Davis (bdavis@pylUSD.org).

	Winds	Colorguard	Percussion	Jazz	Date Accepted
Performance Donation (payable to EEU)	\$475	\$475	\$550 (added to wind or percussion)	\$150	Week of August 18th
Band Sweatshirt (payable to EEU)	\$40 (if required)	Warm-ups	\$40 (if required)	-	Week of August 18th
Transportation Fee(Bus) (payable to PYLUSD)	TBD	TBD	TBD	-	EHS registration

*Additional fees for special trips, i.e. Reno Jazz Festival, Hawaii, Washington D.C., are determined as the event and logistics are planned.

Color Guard Additional Materials Fees (CG costumes, flags, poles, etc.)

Field Season	\$425 (new member) includes warmups, duffel bag, and flag bag
	\$230 (returning member)
Winter Season	\$300

In addition to the individual contributions, *parents* are required to volunteer their time and talent. This year, we anticipate over 100 students participating in the many parades, competitions, and other commitments. Parent volunteer support is vital to the success of each activity and the entire program. There are a variety of volunteer activities you can support or lead. Details and sign up sheets will be available during orientation, uniform fitting, and Band Camp. Ask if you need any information. We recognize this is an extra activity into an already busy schedule. We do hope, however, that all parents will adjust their schedules to volunteer and become part of the "Band Experience" – you won't regret it and your student will appreciate your participation and commitment. **1 PARENT/ADULT PER FAMILY IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND MONTHLY PARENT MEETINGS.**

1 case of water (24 bottles) per student are requested at time of payment. We are also requesting donations of tissues, band aids, and 9-volt batteries.

Families with siblings concurrently enrolled in the EEU will reduce their performance donations by \$50 per student.

Make checks payable to: Esperanza Entertainment Unit (or EEU)

Zelle payments through your bank: treasurer@ehseu.org Esperanza Entertainment Boosters

Turn in payment with proper paperwork at the Uniform Fitting Nights in August

OR Mail to: Esperanza HS, Attn/ Brad Davis, 1830 N. Kellogg Drive, Anaheim, CA 92807

[Band Performance Donation Sheet](#)

[Color Guard Performance Donation Sheet](#)

[EEU LogoWear Order Form](#)

Esperanza Entertainment Unit **TENTATIVE** Schedule as of May 11, 2025

Percussion Rehearsals all rehearsals are 3:00-5:00pm., other than June, 4.

6/4 (3:45-5:45), 7/7, 7/9, 7/14, 7/16, 7/21, 7/23, 7/28, 7/30, 8/4, 8/6

Colorguard Rehearsals 9:00a.m.-1:00p.m.

6/25, 7/9, 7/16/, 7/22, 7/23, 7/24, 7/30

June 16-19	Concert Band Camp: 8:00 a.m to 10 a.m. at EHS Band Room
June 16-19	Jazz Band Camp: 10:30-12:30p.m. at EHS Band Room
August 8	Freshman Band Camp: Band & Colorguard (All new freshman/student leaders) 9am to 12pm at EHS
August 11	EHS AND EEU Registration 8a.m.-10a.m. /Sign- Up for jazz band auditions
August 11	Band Rehearsal in the Band Room 10a.m.-12p.m.
August 12-15/18-22	Band Camp for Band and Guard: 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at EHS
August 12 (Tuesday).....	Jazz Auditions Saxes 4:30-6p.m.
August 13 (Wednesday)..	Jazz Auditions T-bones 4:30-6p.m.
August 14 (Thursday) ...	Jazz Auditions Trumpets 4:30-6p.m.
August 15 (Friday).....	Jazz Auditions Rhythm Section 4:30-6p.m.
August 18 (Monday).....	Seniors, Freshman and All Colorguard Uniform Fitting/Finance Night 6-8p.m.
August 19 (Tuesday).....	Sophomores and Juniors Uniform Fitting/Finance Night 6-8p.m.
August 21	Preview Night BBQ 4:30-5:45p.m. & Field Show at 6p.m. (All parents/friends invited)
August 22	Last Day of Camp Rehearsal 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. Pool party/BBQ 12-2p.m.
August 26	First day of school
August 27	Evening Wednesday Rehearsals 3:50-6:50 p.m. (everyone)
August 28	After-school Thursday Wind Sectionals 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Sept 1	NO SCHOOL - Labor Day
Sept 2 (Tuesday)	Evening Rehearsal 3:50-6:50 p.m. (everyone)
Sept 2 (Tuesday)	Monthly Booster Meeting in the Band Room, 7p.m.
Sept 3 (Wednesday) ...	Back to School Night
Sept 4, 11, 18, 25,	After-school Thursday Wind Sectionals 3:45-4:45 p.m.
Sept 6	MORP
Sept 8, 15, 22, 29	Colorguard and Percussion Rehearsals 3:45-5:45p.m.
Sept 10, 17, 24	Evening Wednesday Rehearsals 3:50-6:50 p.m. (everyone)
Sept 12	Home football game v. Yorba Linda @YLHS 7p.m.
Sept 18	Home football game v. Marina @YLHS 7p.m.
Oct 3	Home football game v. Garden Grove @YLHS 7p.m.
Oct 7 (Tuesday).....	Monthly Booster Meeting in the Band Room, 7 p.m.
Oct 1, 8, 15, 22, 29	Evening Wednesday Practices, 3:50-6:50 p.m. (everyone)
Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30	After-school Thursday Wind Sectionals 3:50-4:50 p.m
Oct 6, 13, 20, 27	Colorguard and Percussion Rehearsals 3:45-5:45 p.m.
Oct 11	Placenta Parade a.m. Valencia Field Show Tournament p.m.

Oct 24	Home football game v. Westminster @YLHS 7p.m.(Homecoming)
Oct 25	Homecoming Dance
Oct 31	Home football game v. Brea @YLHS 7p.m.
Nov 3, 10, 17	Colorguard and Percussion Rehearsals 3:45-5:45p.m.
Nov 4	Monthly Booster Meeting in the Band Room, 7p.m.
Nov 5 (Wednesday) ...	46 th District Band Pageant @Bradford 7p.m.
Nov 6, 13, 20	After-school Thursday Sectionals 3:50-4:50p.m.
Nov 8	Los Altos Field Show, Rehearsal 9-11a.m.
Nov 12, 19	After School Wednesday Practice, 3:50-6:50 p.m. (everyone)
Nov 13 (Thur)	South Hills Field Tournament
Nov 15	Ramona Field Show Tournament p.m. Rehearsal 9-11a.m.
Nov 19.....	High School Showcase
Nov 21.....	Legacy Night 6-8pm. in band room
Nov 22	SCSBOA Field Championships
Nov 24-28	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 9	Count Meets the Duke Jazz Concert, 7 p.m. at PAC with CSULB
Dec 11	Holiday Concert w/Orchestra, EHS Theater, 7p.m.
Dec 12-13.....	Essentially Ellington Recording Sessions Jazz I. 12th is 4-6p.m., 13th is 9-11a.m.
Dec 15.....	FINALS WEEK
Dec 22- Jan 2	Winter Break

SECOND SEMESTER

Jan 5	First Day Back to school after Winter Break
Jan 6 (Tues)	Monthly Booster Meeting in the Band Room, 7p.m.
Jan 8, 22	District Jam Sessions 6-7:30p.m. (8-EHS, 22-VHS)
Jan 19	Martin Luther King Day, No School
Jan 24	Colorguard show at Riverside Community College
Jan 31	Friends of Jazz concert at Lone Wolf Brewery (Jazz I) 1p.m.
Jan 31	Colorguard show at Portola HS in Irvine
Feb 3	Monthly Booster Meeting in the Band Room, 7p.m.
Feb 5, 19	District Jam Sessions 6-7:30p.m. (5-EDHS, 19-All Star Jam- EHS Theater)
Feb 6-8	SCSBOA Honor Bands
Feb 7.....	Percussion ensemble at La Quinta High School
Feb 9	Lincoln's Birthday Holiday, No School
February 12-15	Southwest Essentially Ellington Regional- Jazz I and II (leaving after lunch)
Feb 16	President's Day Holiday, No School
Feb 21	Western States Jazz Festival at Upland High School-Jazz I, II, III
Feb 21.....	WGI Colorguard Power Regional at Del Norte HS in San Diego
Feb 28.....	SoCal Essentially Ellington Regional at RCC- Jazz I, II, III
Feb 28	Colorguard show at Colony HS in Ontario
March 1.....	Percussion Ensemble at Monrovia HS
March 3	Monthly Booster Meeting in the Band Room, 7p.m.
March 10	Pre-Festival Concert in the EHS Theater 6p.m. w/OCSCS

March 14	24th Annual Aztec Jazz Festival (All day event and All students volunteer)
March 21	Irvine Jazz Festival Jazz I, II, III
March 24	S.C.S.B.O.A. Festival at Performing Arts Center
March 26	District Colorguard Showcase, EDHS, 7p.m.
March 28 or April 11	EHS 8 th Grade Parent Night *****UNEDITED*****
March 30	Vanguard Jazz Orchestra concert p.m. (NEW AND TENTATIVE 8/8)
April 6-10	Spring Break
April 14.....	Monthly Booster Meeting in the Band Room, 7p.m.
April 21	Folsom Send-off Concert with EDHS, Jazz I/II EHS Theater 6:00p.m.
April 23-April 26	Jazz I and Jazz II California Jazz Championships Invitational
April 29 (Wed)	Area Night (Valencia Gym) Full Symphonic Band and Jazz 1 6:00p.m.
April 30-May 2.....	Essentially Ellington in NY, NY Jazz I TENT, Pending Audition*
May 4-15	AP Testing
May 4-6	Guard Workshops/Auditions 4-6p.m.
May 7 (Thurs)	Parent Meeting 5p.m. ALL Band and Guard parents start in Theater (Guard break-out at 5:30p.m.)
May 7 (Thurs)	Incoming Freshman Rehearsal/Orientation, Band Room - All Ensembles 4-6p.m.
May 16	EHS Prom
May 21	Big Band Blowout., Esperanza Theater Esperanza Jazz I, II,III & Bernardo Yorba (rehearsal 5/21)
May 25	Memorial Day
May 27	Spring Concert/BBQ Dinner EHS Gymnasium 6:00 p.m.
May 28-29	Council Interviews during o periods
June 4	Band Council Voting during o period at EHS
June 4	Drum Major Auditions during o period at EHS
June 4	Awards Banquet
June 5	Instrument Check out/in for returning & new members 3:15-4:15p.m. EHS Band room
June 11	Last Day of School and Graduation
June 15-18	Concert Band Camp / Jazz Band Camp for returning & new members. EHS Band Room

Routine Weekly Rehearsals:

Monday Night Percussion 3:45-5:45 (Sept.-Dec.)
 Wednesday Night Percussion 3:45-6:45 (Dec.-June)
 Monday Guard Rehearsal 3:45-5:45p.m. Year-round
 Wednesday Winterguard 6:00-9:00p.m. (Winter Season- Beginning 12/1)
 Wednesday Night Rehearsals (everyone)- 3:50p.m.-6:50p.m. (Sept.-Nov.)
 Thursday Sectionals (brass & woodwind) 3:50-4:50p.m. (Sept.-Nov.)

Band Camp 2026 TBD based on school calendar mvt. Aug. 10-21, 2026

**Band Camp Students must be there to receive a spot!* Please plan your vacations accordingly.

Jazz Ensemble Audition Information

Jazz I & II

- Is available to students in grades 9-12
- Must be available to attend all Jazz Festivals including the California Jazz Championships Invitational (April 23-26, 2026)
- Must be enrolled in the Jazz I/II class at Esperanza H.S and a 0pd ensemble class.
- It is recommended that you are studying privately on your Instrument.

Jazz III

- Is available to students in grades 9-12
- Must be enrolled in the Jazz III class at Esperanza H.S. and a 0pd ensemble class.
- It is recommended that you study privately on your Instrument.

Winds Section

- 12 Major scales (Circle of Fourths) 1 octave in straight 8th notes. You will be timed and receive credit for each complete, CORRECT scale performed in 1 minute.
- Prepared Jazz Head (Grapes and Flowers) and Transcription (provided).
- Doubling - Saxophonists prepare the etude provided for their instrument's appropriate doubles. You may prepare one or both. (Altos & Tenors: Flute, Clarinet - Bari: Bass Clarinet, Flute)
- Sight Reading (provided)
- Improvisation (provided)

Rhythm Section

- 12 Major scales. (excluding drum set)
- Prepared piece (Grapes and Flower) - Plan to play the melody and comp. Drummers: you will play brushes behind someone playing the melody on Grapes and Flowers here. You are allowed to only use your brushes, snare drum, and hi hat in this section.
- Drums will play along with a drum-less recording of "Theme from The Asphalt Jungle"
- Sight Reading- Drums, be prepared to play time and set up figures. Piano, both hands. Bass walk
- Improvisation
- Show competency in the following styles:
 1. Swing- Drums will play 1 min. of time at 160 bpm: alternating 8 measures of time, 4 measures of solo, 8 measures of time, 4 measures of solo, etc.
 2. Blues- Drummers will be asked to demonstrate Shuffle here at 144 bpm. Bass, piano, guitar be prepared to "comp" behind blues in B-flat, F, and C (Bass-walking line, guitar-Freddy Green style), 1 chorus in each key.
 3. Afro-Cuban groove for drums. For example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BRSswMm7uTs>
Pianists play a montuno pattern of your choice here. For example: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sG6RI7aYVQ>
 4. Bossa Nova in F and C. Examples: Bass <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jHux5zu8ORO>
Drums: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CaIyWBbYrDc>
Piano: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x-GZQdta0NA>
Guitar: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RI8J2AcwngA>

Auditions will be held:

August 11

August 12 (Saxophones)

August 13 (T-Bones)

August 14 (Trumpets)

August 15 (Rhythm Section)

Sign Up for a time slot in the band room

after band camp 4:30-7:00 p.m.

after band camp 4:30-6 p.m.

after band camp 4:30-6 p.m.

after band camp 4:30-6:15 p.m.

EEU REGISTRATION AND UNIFORM FITTING REQUIRED PAPERWORK

- Please fill out the [EEU Registration Google Form](#) ASAP to receive information emails over the summer.
- Prior to Band Camp - [Register and clear your athlete through Home Campus](#) (Print and bring completed confirmation page)
- Prior to Band Camp - EHS Required [Physical Form](#) filled out by physician - this needs to be turned into the EHS Front Office
- Print and bring [Parent Permission/Emergency Medical Waiver](#) to EHS/EEU Registration morning.
- Print and bring [EEU Medication Form](#) to EHS/EEU Registration morning.
- Fill out [Band Performance Donation](#) or [Color Guard Performance Donation](#) sheet - bring with you to Fitting/Finance Night. Payment will be collected this night.
- [EEU LogoWear Order Form](#) - If you would like to purchase logowear, bring this with you on Uniform Fitting Night. Payment will be collected this night. (EEU Band sweatshirts and Jazz Band Polos required)

**(payments will be made at Fitting/Finance Nights)
checks made payable to EEU**

EEU Registration Google Form:



Fill out online ASAP
to receive information emails
over the summer

Parent Permission/Emergency Medical Waiver



Print and turn in
at EHS/EEU
registration 8/11

EHS Required Home Campus



Bring copy of
confirmation page
on 8/11/25

EHS Required Sports Physical Form



turn in to EHS
front office with a
copy of student's
insurance card by
8/11/25

Band Performance Donation Sheet

OR

Color Guard Performance Donation Sheet



Print and bring to Fitting/
Finance Night with payment
check made out to EEU



Print and bring to
Color Guard
Finance night on
August 18th.

EEU LogoWear Order Form



Fill out at Uniform/Fitting
Night to add to your finance
sheet.

EEU Medication Form



Print and bring to
Fitting/Finance Night

(also print the following page, sign it, and bring it on 8/11/25)

Esperanza High School Instrumental Music Program

We hope that both the student and parents found this handbook of guidelines, rules, and information helpful. Please read the entire contents of this handbook and return this page signed by both the student and parent/guardian. We suggest that you keep the handbook in a spot where you can easily locate it for quick reference throughout the school year.

We understand and will adhere to the rules and regulations of the Esperanza High School Instrumental Music Department:

Student Information (please print clearly):

First Name	Last Name
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Grade_____ Instrument/Guard_____

STUDENT SIGNATURE: _____DATE_____

Parent or Guardian: Please print clearly

First Name	Last Name
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PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE_____

(only one parent's/guardian's signature is required).

*******This page is to be returned by the first day of band camp (August 11, 2025).*******